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SUBJ: TEXTILES: U.S. STATEMENT BEFORE MFA RESTRICTED GROUP

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT MADE BY U.S. CHIEF TEXTILE
NEGOTIATOR ON APRIL 21 TO MFA RESTRICTED GROUP: QUOTE.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

WE ARE HERE TODAY FOR WHAT IS PERHAPS, UNFORTUNATELY,
FAST BECOMING A MONTHLY TRADITION. THE FUTURE OF THE
MFA IS STILL NOT DETERMINED, AND THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE
TRADING SITUATION CONTINUES TO GROW MORE PRECARIOUS AND
MORE UNCERTAIN DAY BY DAY AS WE LINGER ON THIS QUESTION.

LET ME STATE ONCE AGAIN THE U.S. POSITION SO AS TO DISPEL
ANY RUMORS. AS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AND
MARCH, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED NOW TO ACCEPT RENEWAL
OF THE MFA IN ITS PRESENT FORM. AS WE HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY,
WE ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO WHAT OTHER PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES HAVE TO SAY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY AGAIN, AT LEAST
ONE OF THOSE PARTICIPATANTS DOES NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE
ITS HOUSE IN ORDER TO A POINT WHERE IT CAN TELL US WHAT
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ITS SPECIFIC VIEWS ARE. ONE CAN ONLY ASK HOW LONG WILL
THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS CONTINUE?

I WOULD UNDERLINE WHAT YOU, SIR, AND OTHERS HAVE
STATED PREVIOUSLY -- THERE IS A REAL DANGER TO THE IN-
TERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADING SYSTEM IN PARTICULAR AND
TO WIDER INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES IN GENERAL IF THIS

MFA QUESTION REMAINS UNRESOLVED FOR MUCH LONGER. ALL OF US -- AND ESPECIALLY THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO TALK SERIOUSLY -- BEAR A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND I SUBMIT, SIR, THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE DISCHARGED FORTHWITH FOR THE GENERAL WELL BEING OF ALL OF US.

FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO THE EC SPOKESMAN, I WOULD AGREE THAT, LEGALLY, THE MFA DOES LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST TO HIS STATEMENT, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. IT MUST BE DONE QUICKLY OR CHAOS WILL RESULT. END QUOTE.SORENSEN

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